

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2779 - SB 2920**

February 18, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to include art and music education in all K-12 public schools. Directs the State Board of Education to set the curriculum for such classes.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures\* - \$6,185,100**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education and the Comptroller, costs will not be covered under the BEP funding formula. All increase in costs will be local expenditures.
- It is assumed that one credit in art and music will satisfy the requirement. This credit will be taken once in four years.
- Currently the State Board of Education has approved art and music curricula for grades K-12.
- There are 324 high schools in Tennessee. Five high schools do not offer art or music. 16 high schools offer art but no music and 16 high schools offer music but no art. 42 additional teachers will be hired to offer art and music in these schools.
- Tennessee high schools offer three tracks of courses for graduation; university track, technical track, and dual track.
- Students on the university and dual tracks are required to take at least one fine art credit. Students on the technical track are not required to take a fine art. Currently, 98,005 students are on the university track, 18,963 students are on the technical track, and 19,762 students are on dual track. 177,902 students are not identified in a track.
- Of the students identified as being in a track, 14 percent are on the technical track. It is assumed that 14 percent of the unidentified students or 24,906 ( $177,902 \times .14 = 24,906$ ) students will be on the technical track. The total number of students who will need to take a fine art who are not currently required to do so is 43,869 students ( $18,963 + 24,906 = 43,869$ ). It is assumed that 10 percent of students or 4,386 students not taking a fine art will be accommodated into

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existing classes. 39,483 students will be put into new classes. 9,870 students will take the elective each year ( $39,483 / 4 = 9,870$ ).

- It is assumed that each teacher will teach five periods per day with 30 students per class. A total of 108 teachers, including teachers at schools not currently offering courses, will need to be hired ( $(9,870 / 5 / 30 = 66) + 42 = 108$ )).
- Each teacher will be paid approximately \$47,700 including salary and benefits. Total teacher pay is estimated to be \$5,151,600 (108 teachers x \$47,700 = \$5,151,600).
- According to the Department of Education, each classroom will need approximately \$5,000 in supplies. Recurring costs for classroom supplies will be \$540,000 (108 classrooms x \$5,000 = \$540,000).
- New textbooks will cost approximately \$50 per book. 9,870 students per year will need books. Recurring textbook cost is estimated to be \$493,500 ( $9,870 \times \$50 = \$493,500$ ).
- The total recurring increase in local expenditures will be \$6,185,100 ( $\$5,151,600 + \$540,000 + \$493,500 = \$6,185,100$ ).

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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